

Statement from International Planned Parenthood Federation

TOWARDS A GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES: MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN PURSUIT OF SOLUTIONS

The International Planned Parenthood Federation would like to thank for this opportunity to contribute to the Global Compact on Refugees thematic debate discussions focused on ‘Measures to be taken in pursuit of solutions’, specifically input to Panel Four “How can we make local solutions work for refugees and the communities in which they live?”

Utilizing local opportunities as part of a comprehensive approach to solutions:

IPPF reiterates the importance of:

- Building on capacity of local health systems, including on sexual and reproductive health, service providers who are active and present at the local level, such as Family Planning Associations and their branches. These structures are connected to the community and have contextualized understanding of needs of women, girls, boys and men, in all their diversity;
- When developing inclusive policies, ensure that SRHR services are included and tailored for needs of women, girls, boys and men in all their diversity, with focus on tailoring services for marginalized groups such as persons with disabilities, lesbian, gay, transgender women and men, queer, intersex and gender non-conforming persons, adolescent girls, persons living with HIV, or marginalized ethnic groups;
- Ensuring that mechanisms are in place to meaningfully engage community-based, civil society organisations and networks in promoting and advancing gender quality, inclusion of persons with disabilities, LGBTQI persons, persons living with HIV and groups living in remote areas.
- Ensuring that multi-sectoral mechanisms in place systematically address gender-based violence, through comprehensive health and legal care and referral pathways, while also addressing its root causes,
- Ensuring that data collection and dissemination systems are put in place for sex, age and disability disaggregated data and gender impact analysis are routinely conducted to inform interventions and policies;

Question 1: What are proposed ways to ensure that the comprehensive approach to solutions includes a gender equality approaches?

Question 2: How will commitments to preventing and responding to gender-based violence be addressed as part of local solutions in contexts where shame and stigma serve as barriers for survivors to speak up and receive support?

Question 3: How will the solutions safeguard and promote the needs, capacities and rights of vulnerable and marginalized groups such as persons with disabilities, lesbian, gay, transgender women and men, queer, intersex and gender non-conforming persons, persons living with HIV, marginalized ethnic groups?

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